
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 20, 2016

Mr. Brian Gerving
Director of Public Works
Chief Building Official
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Dear Mr. Gerving:

Subject: Adopted National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit, Order No. R1-2016-0001, and Adopted Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2016-0012

File: City of Eureka, Elk River Wastewater Treatment Plant
NPDES No. CA0024449, WDID 1B82151OHUM, CIWQS Place ID 223010

On June 16, 2016, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and an accompanying Cease and Desist Order (CDO) for the Eureka, Elk River Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The WDRs and CDO have been transmitted to you electronically. The adopted orders can also be obtained from the Regional Water Board office or from the Regional Water Board website at http://water100.waterboards.ca.gov/rb1/adopted_orders/.

The WDRs go into effect August 1, 2016, continuing to apply many of the current requirements for the WWTP and applying new or revised effluent limitations based upon the application of (1) the Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California; (2) Water Quality Control Policy for the Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California, (3) existing federal regulations, and (4) the reasonable potential analysis conducted during the previous permit term. The WDRs and monitoring and reporting program Attachment E (MRP) contain both routine monitoring and special study requirements to evaluate and promote continued water quality protections associated with waste treatment and disposal associated with the WWTP.

The accompanying CDO goes into effect immediately and contains a time schedule for the City of Eureka (City) to evaluate methods for long-term compliance, fulfill the California Environmental Quality Act process if necessary, and complete preferred alternatives to achieve full compliance with WDRs by July 2030.

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Please read both the WDRs and CDO carefully to ensure you understand all requirements. For your convenience, my staff has developed a table (Attachment 1) combining the deadlines for special tasks and requirements from the WDRs, MRP, and CDO into a single document.

My staff is committed to working with you to resolve any issues or concerns the City may have on both the day to day operations, and the process of planning and upgrades necessary to bring the WWTP into full compliance.

Please contact Cathleen Goodwin of my staff for assistance at (707) 576-2687 or Cathleen.Goodwin@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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Attachment 1 - City of Eureka –WDR, MRP and CDO Tasks and Deadlines

Certified-Return Receipt Requested

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